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Ayden Woman Wins \$1 Million Powerball Prize

-Burke County Man Wins \$345,280 "Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize-

RALEIGH-Evon Garris of **Ayden** says she always Power Plays when she buys a Powerball ticket. That decision paid off in the Saturday, April 26, drawing when her ticket matched all five white balls. The \$200,000 prize for her winning ticket was multiplied by 5 (the Power Play number for the drawing), increasing its value to \$1 million!

Garris says she checked the winning numbers on her computer Saturday night after the drawing and was elated to see that she had won. She plans to use the money to set up a retirement fund for herself and her husband, take care of two sets of parents, and go on a cruise vacation. Garris purchased her ticket at the Wilco 1819 on Third Street in Ayden.

Phil Brittain of **Icard** plans to use his "Carolina Cash 5" winnings to take it easy during retirement. Brittain's ticket matched all five white balls for the April 27 drawing, winning him the \$345,280 top prize.

Brittain says he picked his own numbers for the drawing. When asked how he felt about winning, he said, "It's a feeling like I can't believe ... it's something else!" Brittain purchased his ticket at the B&B Royal Food Store on Highway 70 in **Hildebran**.

A total of 60,749 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Saturday, April 26, Powerball drawing, ranging from \$1,000,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$1,752,158. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball, so the estimated jackpot for the Wednesday, April 30, drawing is \$162 million.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$5 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, April 24. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won nearly \$517,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$608,000 in prizes.

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Winners in the April 26 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Evon Garris	Ayden	\$1,000,000	Wilco 1819 138 Third Street, Ayden
Pamela Prentice	Wilmington	\$10,000	Gas Center 1301 Military Cutoff, Wilmington
John Alsup	Youngsville	\$10,000	Sheetz 564 U.S. 1, Youngsville
Robert Gordon	Landrum, SC	\$10,000	Dallas Mini Mart 616 E. Trade St., Dallas
Unknown		\$10,000	Ricks Ole Country Store 1557 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain

Winner in the April 27 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Phil Brittain	Icard	\$345,280	B&B Royal Food Store 721-A Hwy. 70, Hildebran

Winner in the April 23 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Jay Perlmutter	Asheville	\$10,000	The Spot 2601 Sweeten Creek Rd., Asheville
Tammy Salisbury	Greenville	\$10,000	Wilco 5069 N.C. Hwy. 33 E., Greenville

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Jackie Brown	Salisbury	\$77,777	"Emerald Green 7's"
Erik Pasley	Matthews	\$50,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Johnnie Crumpler	Wilson	\$20,000	"Twenty Grand"
Miles Ewing	Concord	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Ethel Ragland	Henderson	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
Brian Braxton	Hillsborough	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Kathy Hardin	Lumberton	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"

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"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	121

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	104
\$100,000 - \$10,000	605

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.